

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2003**
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley Neighborhood Center. In attendance were seven (7) District Advisory Board, three (3) staff and approximately five (5) citizens with two (2) signing in.

Members Present

Wayne Wells
Rex Gray
Jim Benton
Iola Crandall
Ed Koon
Tom Engelman
Rev. Damon Burrows
Council Member Paul Gray

Staff Present

Officer William Stevens, Police
Lt. Brent Allred, Police
Brandon Kauffman, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

Jerry McGinty
Brian Dehler

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Agenda was approved with recommended changes.

The November 5, 2003 minutes were approved with recommended changes.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda allows members of the public to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

No items were presented to the board.

Staff Presentations

Community Police

Officer Stevens, Police Department, stated that there has been an increase of burglaries in the area and noted that a recent break-in occurred at a local bingo hall. Suspects were

identified in the case and arrests were made appropriately. He noted that the police department recently conducted a turkey drive and 150 families received turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner in the Southeast area and 150 families also received turkeys in the northeast area. This project was made possible with help from local churches and neighborhood associations. Stevens stated that approximately 200 families were approved for Operation Holiday and on December 11th, 12th, and 13th individuals will receive their portions of handouts at 410 E Pawnee.

Action: Receive and File

Wichita Police Department Professional Standards Bureau

Lt. Brent Allred, Police Department, presented information concerning the Professional Standards Bureau changes over the last couple of years. These changes have occurred through citizen surveys and DAB boards recommendations on how the department could improve its perception and image to the general public and police department. The changes that occurred have streamlined the complaint process, which has made it easier to receive complaint and compliments. The streamline of forms coupled with education of the public on how to file a compliment or complaint has derived in a simple and standardized process.

Allred stated that the perception for the Internal Affairs department has been negative, internally and externally; therefore one of the changes was to rename the department. The Professional Standards Bureau in the last two years have made over 22 changes in the department, which have helped to change the perception of the department. All reports of complaints or compliments go directly to the Chief of Police's desk where he reviews and makes comments or recommendations.

Jim Benton asked if non-commissioned officers might receive complaints or compliments. Allred stated that non-commissioned officers might also receive complaints or compliments.

Action: Receive and File

Mailing of Agenda Packets

Brandon Kauffman, City Manager's Office, presented information regarding requested changes from mailing DAB agenda packets to emailing and posting them on the city's website. Kauffman stated that due to increasing postage costs the Manager's Office has requested that agenda packets are emailed to the respective DAB members instead of mailed. By reducing the costs of mailings the city could save an additional \$584 a fiscal year.

Edwin Koon, stated that this is not an issue of the city saving money but a transfer of costs to the DAB members. Koon hoped that the agenda packets were emailed that individuals would still have a packet available at the DAB meetings.

Jim Benton, asked if it was possible to email the pictures, which Scott Logan of Traffic Engineering includes in his presentation. **Kauffman** stated that it would still be possible for the DAB members to receive the information through email.

Council Member Gray suggested that we could try emailing packets on a trial basis and having packets available at the DAB meetings for individual board members.

Ed Koon (Jim Benton) moved that agenda packets be emailed to individuals who have access to the Internet and that printed copies still be available for the board members. Motion passed 7-0.

Action: Agenda packets will be sent electronically to members with the capability and also provided copies at meeting. Those without electronic mail will continue to receive through postal mail.

Board Agenda

Council Member Gray asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. **Irene Armstrong of the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association** stated that they have been working with the Southwest Interfaith Ministries in helping with Operation Holiday. She stated that approximately 200 families were approved in the 67217 area code. Armstrong also stated that the Interfaith Ministries group is working together to address the needs of the community.

Iola Crandall stated that the Sunflower Neighborhood Association would be meeting at 7:00 on Thursday, December 4th at Lawrence Elementary School and will be having a Christmas Pageant.

Rex Gray stated that Orchard Breeze will be meeting tomorrow at seven p.m.

Tom Engleman stated that elections were recently held for the Park Home Owners Association and four new members were elected and three old members were still serving on the board.

Jim Benton stated that Southwest Village Neighborhood Association will meet on December 9th. At the meeting they will be holding a bicycle raffle to raise money for the Neighborhood Association.

Reverend Burrows stated that it was great to be here and he looked forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Gray stated that in a special work session of the City Council, Friday the 28th, the Council decided to hire Slaven, a consulting firm, to help in the search for a new city manger. Gray stated that the Council has considered creating a citizens' committee who will help in the process of hiring the manager. The Council is trying to steer away from individual appointments so that political views will not take precedence

over choosing a manager who is right for the City of Wichita. Gray asked if the DAB members believed that they should have an appointment on the committee and opened the meeting for discussion.

Koon stated that there should be a process that will allow for citizen involvement but that citizen input should be limited due to the time constraints.

Council Member Gray's opinion was that a citizen group could be used that would help during the interview process and that there should also be task forces, which would give the citizens the opportunity for input. Before the search would begin, input would be received from citizens through task forces and then a citizen committee would be important utilized in the interview process. **Gray** emphasized that citizens should have input on the types of characteristics that a manager would possess and opened the discussion for input from DAB members.

Gray felt that citizen participation would be important also but due to time constraints it should be limited because it will slow down the process.

Council Member **Gray** felt that the next manager should possess a high degree of ethics. **Koon** felt that the citizens should receive input on the background of individual candidates.

Engleman asked that the Council should first brief the DAB members on characteristics they are looking for in a new manager and then DAB members could review the Council's chosen characteristics. **Council Member Gray** felt one of the best options is for citizens to become involved in task forces and asked the DAB members to email the rest of the Council members if they supported that route.

Council Member Gray stated that the Capital Improvements Plan will soon be coming to the DAB members for review. Gray (use title) stated that an important issue, which Wichita faces, is flooding problems. Gray stated that recently discussions were undertaken on how to fund flood projects since the current capital funding is not available. These discussions have mainly been focused towards raising the equivalent residential unit to pay for the flooding projects. Discussions have resulted in either incrementally raising the ERU \$.05 or \$.10 cents every year or raising it \$.50 to \$.85 cents one year to pay for the 10 year projected costs of fixing the flooding problems. Another option to fund the projects is by raising the mill by 1 with a ten-year sunset.

Ed Koon stated that the ERU would be appropriate because people pay for the improvements based upon their square footage. Koon felt that places such as Town West have caused many of the drainage problems and the ERU would appropriately address the concerns that were raised. **Rex Gray** stated that even though Town West would pay for their portion the cost would eventually be passed down to the customer to pay. **Council Member Gray** stated that the ERU would be appropriate since it has always paid for drainage problems. Seeing no further comments Gray opened up the board for discussions.

Wayne Wells asked when the DAB appointments would end. **Council Member Gray** stated the appointments are on a 12-month basis and people are appointed every April.

Council Member Gray asked for any further issues. With none presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Kauffman
District IV Neighborhood Assistant

Guests	Address
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